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Tellicherry Government Hospital

* 772 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of any extra block or additional wards has been sanctioned for the Tellicherry Government Hospital ;

(*b*) if so, when ; and

(*c*) whether the work has been completed or commenced?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, it was only the other day that statistics were given regarding the Tellicherry hospital, namely, 180 floating in-patient strength as against the sanctioned strength of 88. A similar answer was given last year also. Now this excessive over-crowding is creating almost choking conditions. Would Government consider the idea of having an extra block immediately? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there are very many other hospitals which are overcrowded. If any of the local gentlemen would put up buildings, we can have an extra block maintained by Government."

Mechanized farms

* 773 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether this Government advocated the constitution of mechanized farms in the State during the Conference of State's Ministers of Agriculture held in September 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The answer is 'No, Sir'."

Salary of village officials

* 774 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1323, dated 30th July 1953—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any decision on refixing the salary of village officials of proprietary villages on a par with that of those in Government villages ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the decision has been given effect to?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The whole question is proposed to be considered as a Part II Scheme for 1955–56."

Malaria in Kottayam taluk

* 775 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are taking any Malaria Control measures in Kottayam taluk, Malabar district ;